Plastics Monopoly Charged to Du Pont And Rohm & Haas

Firms Are Accused of Entering Conspiracy With Nazi Corporation

By the Associated Press.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10.—E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. of Wilmington, Del., and Rohm & Haas Co. of Bristol, Pa., were accused by the Federal Government today of conspiring with a German corporation to suppress competition in the manufacture of a plastic vital to construction of warplanes.

In an indictment returned here by a Federal grand jury August 10—but kept secret until today—the firms were accused of entering into a conspiracy in restraint of interstate and foreign trade in Acrylic products. These are used to make the transparent noses of bombers, cockpit hoods and machine-gun turrets.

Named with them but not made a defendant, was Rohm & Haas, C-mb-H identified as a corporation organized and operating under the German Reich. The combination was alleged to have been formed October 30, 1934, and to have continued until the present.

The two American corporations and three others also were indicted on a charge of conspiracy to restrain trade in "methyl methacrylate," a new plastic material used to make dentures, the plates holding false teeth.

Eight company officials were also indicted in the Acrylate case and 12 in the latter.

Attorney General Biddle announced in Washington trial of both cases would be postponed until after the war at the request of the Secretaries of War and Navy. A previous indictment, in which Du Pont was charged with monopolizing the manufacture and sale of dyestuffs also has been postponed for the duration.